

NICORE MINING PLAN OF OPERATIONS

Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement

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Abstract

The Forest Service (Agency) has prepared this Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management. The SDEIS discusses the environmental impacts of implementing the Nicore Plan of Operations. The plan includes mining of four sites totaling 35 acres, road construction and reconstruction, and hauling and stockpiling of ore. This SDEIS considers the Proposed Action, a No Action Alternative, and six new alternatives (Alternatives 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11). Alternative 9 is the Forest Service Preferred Alternative. Alternatives 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 from the previous Draft Environmental Impact Statement have been dropped from consideration.

Note to Reviewers

Comments must be post-marked or hand delivered by January 29, 1999 to be considered in the Final EIS. Comments should be written, be as specific as possible, and address the adequacy of the SDEIS or the merits of Alternatives 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. The Final EIS will formally respond to comments received on both this SDEIS and the previous DEIS. The Forest Service received over 3,000 comments on the Draft EIS; these comments need not be repeated. The names and addresses of those who comment on this document will be part of the record and as such, may be released under the Freedom of Information Act. Anonymous comments will be accepted.